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Dear Ms. Galvan,


The **North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV)** is a statewide grassroots alliance of battered women's advocates and supporters. Its members represent a range of communities targeted by mission. NCCADV was founded in 1981 and provides training and technical assistance to 92 domestic violence programs serving the 100 counties of North Carolina. The mission of NCCADV is to create social change through the elimination of the institutional, cultural, and individual oppressions that contribute to domestic violence. The purpose of NCCADV is to strengthen the network of people working to end domestic violence in NC.

NCCADV has maintained an active role within the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission to ensure that the voice of survivors is always a part of all considerations. Over the past several years the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence has worked closely with the GCC to fund innovative and effective programs to implement in North Carolina's diverse communities.

NCCADV supports the North Carolina STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program Implementation Plan. As a part of NCCADV's participation with the GCC this year NCCADV served on a sub-committee to assist in writing the North Carolina VAWA Implementation Plan. It was an honor to assist GCC in establishing a viable and far reaching plan to serve survivors of violence in all of our communities. VAWA funds provide a critical backbone in supporting funding for direct services, advocacy and to expand services to underserved populations. We deeply appreciate the continuing support of OVW.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


April Burgess Johnson
Co-Executive Director


Elizabeth Froehling
Co-Executive Director



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Kim Galvan
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Dear Ms. Galvan;

I am the Executive Director of the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA). NCCASA provides training, information, referrals and policy updates to local rape crisis centers. NCCASA remains the only agency to offer a statewide focal point on sexual assault. Our project has developed an intensive and thorough training program to address sexual assault. It has traditionally been available at the request of individual agencies as well as through our yearly training schedule. NCCASA has worked diligently with Governor's Crime Commission on our Implementation Plan for VAWA, we are making every effort to be inclusive in our planning to ensure the most effective and efficient use funding for collaboration in NC.

NCCASA provides technical assistance, support, research and information for rape crisis centers, sexual assault nurse examiners, law enforcement, over 40 colleges and universities and other allied professionals on sexual violence and other related topics. NCCASA also continues to train professionals on the importance of a sensitive, comprehensive victim centered approach throughout training institute. Last year a result of this funding NCCASA was able to provide over 25 statewide trainings and multiple trainings on demand to sexual assault providers and allied professionals.

NCCASA participates on the domestic violence/sexual assault subcommittee of the Crime Victims Services committee. Our role is to ensure feedback regarding sexual assault priorities and issues from our rape crisis centers are presented to this committee. NCCASA's ongoing commitment is to represent the sexual assault community in the development of the state's VAWA implementation plan.

Violence Against Women funds are an important financial support for North Carolina. VAWA funds are used to support direct services for victims, individual case advocacy for underserved victims, new services, and improvement of existing services and to expand services to the underserved. As a result of these funds, more victims receive support services needed to end the cycle of violence. The importance and impact of VAWA funding can be demonstrated through collaborative efforts established in North Carolina with Carolina Legal Services, Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission, NC Victim Assistance Network, and the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence. I believe these collaborative efforts aid victims and survivors of sexual assault in obtaining the support, information and services that are critical to future safety and independence.



NCCASA as well as our membership has benefited from VAWA since the inception of this office in 1996. Although the funding is not designed nor is it sufficient for the many victims and numerous agencies that work to provided services, it continues to make services and training available to NC's victims of sexual violence. We continue to make a statewide impact because of this funding. Our efforts include a statewide conference, a training institute, informational website and list serv.

I can be reached at (919) 870-8881 or monika@nccasa.org if I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Monika Johnson Hostler'.

Monika Johnson Hostler
Executive Director